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SENATORSHIP UP IN THE AIR

Santa Fe, N. M., April 6.—Every effort of Solomon Luna and the republican leaders who are back of Senator Fall's candidacy, is now being devoted to two objects; one, the unseating of the four members of the legislature on the charge of bribery, and the other, the forcing of the re-election of Senator Fall during the coming week.

It is currently reported in the capital that Luna's hurried exit from the capital last night was for the purpose of paying a visit to one Holm O. Bursum at the latter's ranch in western Socorro county. The purpose of Mr. Luna's visit is said to be to convince Mr. Bursum that the salvation of the republican party depends upon the immediate re-election of Senator Fall and to induce Mr. Bursum to return to Santa Fe with Mr. Luna and take part in the general jubilee which is being prepared for Senator Fall on his arrival from Washington, and which is largely relied upon to force his re-election.

Those who know Mr. Bursum's sentiments and his personal feelings on the question, declare that he will have nothing to do with any such arrangement and that he will insist that the legislators attend to their legislative affairs and leave the election of a senator to the January session a year hence. It is also said that Mr. Bursum is loyal to W. H. Andrews and will assist his candidacy as against Senator Fall in the same way he did in the preceding contest.

It is the general opinion that the republican leaders will not succeed in either of their objects. It seems almost certain that a two thirds vote of the house cannot be obtained to unseat the four members.

As to the prospect of re-electing Senator Fall, while it is thought that a joint resolution to go into an election might be put through the senate, it is said that it will be blocked in the house. It is believed that the democrats will vote solidly against it and Mr. Andrews supporters claim from fifteen to twenty votes in the house against any such resolution.

Another phase of the matter which is being discussed is the question of a joint resolution by Governor McDonald. Joint resolutions must be signed by the governor in the same manner as a bill and it is believed from sentiment expressed by Governor McDonald, in published interviews, that he is of the opinion that the present session of the

legislature should not devote any more time to the senatorial question, but should proceed with the consideration of the enactment of necessary legislation. It is even reported that Governor McDonald contemplates sending a message to this effect to the legislature.

Should the joint resolution by any chance be passed, those familiar with the situation are confident that Senator Fall could not be re-elected at this session, but that the matter would simply be tied up for the remainder of the session. It is thought that Mr. Andrews can control at least fifteen votes on a joint ballot and this, with the democratic vote, would be sufficient to prevent the election. It is not thought that the democrats will consent to an election at this time, as they realize that by a postponement until next January, with a prospect of a democratic national victory next fall, the political situation will be so changed that there may be a possibility of electing a democrat to the senate at that time.

The general sentiment among the Spanish-Americans is that an election should not be held at this time and it seems certain that the struggle which will take place in the house over the report of the bribery investigation committee, will engender feeling that will cause a still wider split between the Spanish-American members and the English speaking republicans.

In the matter of seating or unseating of the four house members, the feeling is intensely bitter both ways.—Albuquerque Morning Journal.

MARRIED

Miss Ellen Clay and Mr. E. A. Flesher were united in marriage Saturday evening, by Elder J. M. Tuttle, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Braxton.

The wedding was private, only a few relatives being present. The newly married couple have gone to housekeeping in the home that has been made ready for them in the northwest part of town.

They are among the most highly respected and esteemed young people in the community, and have the cordial wishes of all for a happy and prosperous life.

NAMED MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES

Washington, D. C., April 6.—The Senators from New Mexico received the following committee assignments yesterday:

T. B. Catron, chairman of the Committee on Expenses of the Interior Department and as member of the Committees on Coast Defenses, Conservation of Natural Resources, Cuban relations, Industrial Expositions and Pacific Railroads.

Albert B. Fall, chairman of the Committee on Expenses of the Department of Commerce of Labor and member of the committees on District Columbia, Geological survey, Pacific Islands, Porto Rico, Patents and Revolutionary Claims.

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ALLEGED BRIBE-TAKERS RE-SEATED

Santa Fe, N. M., April 8.—After a stormy session, which lasted nearly all morning, the house committee on investigation on bribery charges against four members split almost equally, eight voting for unseating and seven voting in the preliminary ballot on the adoption of the report. The report finding the men guilty as charged was adopted by a majority of one, but it is understood, that a report equally as strong exonerating the men will be brought in by the minority. The house will likely receive two reports. Just what the outcome will be cannot be forecasted because the division in the committee is representative of the sentiment in the house. That the matter will not be one of party lines is indicated by the fact that the Democrats on the committee did not agree, Mullens and Nichols, both Democrats and loyal party men, voting to acquit the four accused members.

The action taken by the committee came as no surprise, it having been forecasted that at least two reports and possibly a third would be brought in this week. Some of the members of the house said that pressure was brought to bear on them to prevent a consideration of the report at this time, but the sentiment seems to be strongly in favor of dealing with the report and the charges against the men whenever the committee reports are brought in.

Santa Fe, N. M., April 8.—Amid scenes of the wildest confusion—scenes unparalleled in the political history of New Mexico—Manuel Cordova, J. P. Lucero, Luis Montoya and Julian Trujillo were today received again into the household of faith and declared to be brethren of the full blood in the New Mexico legislature. The resolution passed March 19th, suspending them, was rescinded and until they are expelled by a two thirds vote of the membership of the house, they are entitled to vote, draw their pay and exercise all the other privileges and emoluments pertaining to the office of a member of the house of representatives in good standing.

To one man alone is this result attributable and that man is Speaker R. L. Baca. In accomplishing that result the speaker did things to parliamentary law and precedent that would baffle description, but the fact remains that he got away with it.

The final result was like a sudden clap of thunder in a clear sky, and a motion to adjourn had been put and carried, and the members were dispersing before half of them realized what had happened.—Albuquerque Journal.

In the matter of the bribery investigation at Santa Fe, Jas. W. Chavez, who was a member of the investigating committee, signed the report exonerating the accused men.

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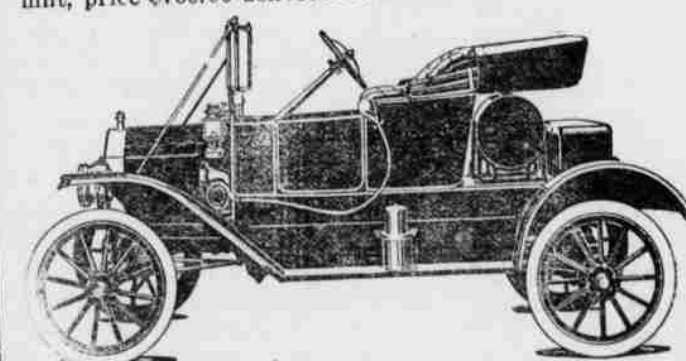
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